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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 4, 1996,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~1-4~~, ~~7-28~~ and 31 without
prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. ~~5~~. (Amended) A twin-wire former for the production of
a paper web from a fiber suspension, the twin wire former
comprising:

first and second web forming wire belts, means for
directing the wire belts to travel along a path together for
forming a twin wire zone of the twin wire former, with the web
between the wire belts as the wire belts travel along the path
through the twin wire zone, neither wire belt defining a single
wire predrainage zone;

each wire belt forming an endless loop;
the twin wire zone having a first section which
includes a first drainage element at the start of the path